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Section 12
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Overview

12.1 The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was established by the General Assembly by its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, with the Governing Council of UNEP as its policy-making organ and a secretariat to serve as a focal point for environmental action and coordination within the United Nations system. The extrabudgetary resources contributed to UNEP are administered by its Executive Director in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Environment Fund.

12.2 The overall objective of the programme, the achievement of which is being carried out in coordination with other relevant United Nations agencies and international organizations, as appropriate, is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

12.3 The mandate of UNEP has been confirmed through various legislative measures both by the General Assembly and the Governing Council of UNEP. Agenda 21 also established the need for an enhanced and strengthened role for UNEP and its Governing Council and indicated action that UNEP should undertake to contribute to its implementation. UNEP is also the secretariat to several global and regional conventions that have been established in areas related to UNEP programmatic activities.

12.4 The secretariat is headed by an Executive Director who is elected by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Secretary-General. The Executive Director is responsible for the administration of the Environment Fund, under the authority and policy guidance of the Governing Council.

12.5 The integrated programme for the biennium is built, firstly, on developing and promoting state-of-the-art scientific assessments; secondly, on formulating policy options for enhancing environmental management; thirdly, on generating knowledge for building consensus on critical environmental problems and issues; fourthly, on assisting Governments at the global, regional, subregional and national levels in formulating environmental management strategies; and, fifthly, on promoting more effective cooperation and coordination in the field of the environment with partners within and outside the United Nations system.

12.6 Of three resource-level scenarios presented by the Executive Director in February 1997 to the Governing Council at its nineteenth session, the lowest described a programme budget of $80 million and a management and administrative support costs budget of $32.4 million for the biennium 1998-1999. By its decision 19/22, the Governing Council approved a Fund programme activities budget of $75 million, or 17 per cent lower than the budget originally approved for the biennium 1996-1997 ($90 million), and a management administrative support costs budget of $28.5 million. Consequently, in keeping with the provisions of the decision, the secretariat of UNEP is currently in the process of revising the 1998-1999 programme of work presented to the Council on the basis of the lowest resources scenario. UNEP will be reporting to the Council on the implementation of this decision in the latter part of 1997.

12.7 The resources proposed for the biennium 1998-1999 under this section reflect growth of $351,400, or 4.2 per cent, resulting from increases and decreases under various objects of expenditure, including the proposed abolition of one P-5 and three Local level posts that have become redundant as a result of the improved integration of UNEP activities.

12.8 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources under section 12 for the biennium 1998-1999 would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	15.5	—
B.	Executive direction and management	47.4	12.5
C.	Programme of work	37.1	87.5
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 12.1 **Summary of requirements by component**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component		*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
				Amount	*Percentage*			
A.	Policy-making organs	1 547.2	1 537.2	(147.1)	(9.5)	1 390.1	50.3	1 440.4
B.	Executive direction and management	3 566.8	4 032.5	111.0	2.7	4 143.5	266.6	4 410.1
C.	Programme of work	2 846.3	2 661.4	387.5	14.5	3 048.9	405.0	3 453.9
D.	Programme support	3 849.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total (1)	**11 809.8**	**8 231.1**	**351.4**	**4.2**	**8 582.5**	**721.9**	**9 304.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
7 089.2	5 550.8	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	6 000.0
		(b) Substantive activities	
34 766.4	62 703.3	General trust funds	65 816.1
38 620.0	25 334.4	Environment Fund	23 440.5
		(c) Operational projects	
121 323.4	68 499.3	Environment Fund	80 000.0
31 378.6	36 178.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	34 308.3
12 677.0	26 344.0	Counterpart contributions	26 344.0
245 854.6	**224 609.8**	**Total (2)**	**235 908.9**
257 664.4	**232 840.9**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**245 213.3**

Table 12.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	9 315.8	6 060.6	452.0	7.4	6 512.6	615.1	7 127.7
Other staff costs	1 556.0	1 389.7	(105.5)	(7.5)	1 284.2	12.8	1 297.0
Consultants and experts	116.4	238.3	(37.0)	(15.5)	201.3	24.6	225.9
Travel	253.4	296.8	(13.5)	(4.5)	283.3	10.8	294.1
Contractual services	64.9	34.0	—	—	34.0	7.1	41.1
General operating expenses	403.2	156.5	37.7	24.0	194.2	38.2	232.4
Hospitality	7.8	5.1	—	—	5.1	1.1	6.2
Supplies and materials	42.4	47.4	—	—	47.4	9.9	57.3
Furniture and equipment	49.9	2.7	17.7	655.5	20.4	2.3	22.7
Total (1)	**11 809.8**[a]	**8 231.1**	**351.4**	**4.2**	**8 582.5**	**721.9**	**9 304.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1998-1999 estimates*
110 472.1	97 876.2	Posts	101 804.7
12 002.8	11 875.4	Other staff costs	12 582.1
12 332.8	10 996.3	Consultants and experts	11 735.0
13 753.1	12 803.2	Travel	13 270.2
14 296.2	14 108.6	Contractual services	14 282.6
22 566.2	21 337.4	General operating expenses	22 051.7
2 463.4	2 077.2	Supplies and materials	2 135.6
4 179.5	2 411.4	Furniture and equipment	2 557.9
14.2	55.0	Alteration and improvement of premises	59.4
53 774.3	51 069.1	Other expenditures	55 429.7
245 854.6[a]	**224 609.8**	**Total (2)**	**235 908.9**
257 664.4	**232 840.9**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**245 213.3**

[a] As the subprogramme structure has been reorganized, expenditures for 1994-1995 are indicated only in the summary tables at the section level.

Table 12.3 Post requirements

Organizational unit: United Nations Environment Programme

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
ASG	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
D-2	3	3	—	—	17	14	20	17
D-1	1	1	—	—	36	25	37	26
P-5	7	6	—	—	78	51	85	57
P-4/3	10	10	—	—	172	158	182	168
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	63	47	64	48
Total	**23**	**22**	**—**	**—**	**367**	**296**	**390**	**318**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	7	7	8	8
Other levels	5	5	—	—	128	91	133	96
Total	**6**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**135**	**98**	**141**	**104**
Other categories								
Local level	14	11	—	—	289	206	303	217
Total	**14**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**289**	**206**	**303**	**217**
Grand total	**43**	**39**	**—**	**—**	**791**	**600**	**834**	**639**

A. Policy-making organs

Table 12.4 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Policy-making organs	1 547.2	1 537.2	(147.1)	(9.5)	1 390.1	50.3	1 440.4
Total	**1 547.2**	**1 537.2**	**(147.1)**	**(9.5)**	**1 390.1**	**50.3**	**1 440.4**

Table 12.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Other staff costs	1 363.6	1 313.7	(106.7)	(8.1)	1 207.0	10.3	1 217.3
Travel	—	5.2	(5.2)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Contractual services	—	32.3	—	—	32.3	7.1	39.4
General operating expenses	155.6	138.4	(18.4)	(13.2)	120.0	26.2	146.2
Hospitality	5.1	5.1	—	—	5.1	1.1	6.2
Supplies and materials	22.9	42.5	(16.8)	(39.5)	25.7	5.6	31.3
Total	**1 547.2**	**1 537.2**	**(147.1)**	**(9.5)**	**1 390.1**	**50.3**	**1 440.4**

12.9 The Governing Council, consisting of 58 Member States, is the policy-making organ of UNEP. The Council holds its sessions biennially and reports to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

12.10 In its decision 19/1 B, the Governing Council created a 36-member inter-sessional High-Level Committee of Ministers and Officials in Charge of Environment, which will meet in Nairobi at least once a year. As this inter-sessional body will assume some of the duties and responsibilities of the Council, the duration of the latter's regular session will be reduced to five days. The twentieth session of the Council is scheduled for May 1999.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Other staff costs

12.11 The estimated amount of $1,207,000 includes $1,144,100 for temporary assistance for meetings for the twentieth session of the Council and $62,900 for overtime of staff during that session. The reduction of $106,700 is due in part to decreases in documentation pursuant to Council decision 18/45.

Travel

12.12 The existing provision of $5,200 will no longer be required.

Contractual services

12.13 The estimated amount of $32,300 relates to contractual translation of UNEP documents that are required urgently and cannot be provided in-house.

General operating expenses and hospitality

12.14 A provision in the amount of $125,100 would be required as follows: (a) $35,700 for rental and maintenance of equipment, maintenance of back-up service for generator and electronic data-processing equipment; (b) $31,300 for communications costs, including dispatch of documentation to members of the Council; (c) $53,000 for miscellaneous services, which consist of the fees of sound technicians and engineers for the operation of the simultaneous interpretation equipment; and (d) $5,100 for official functions held by the President of the Council and the Executive Director of UNEP during the session of the Council. The reduction of $18,400 is due to the discontinuation of the practice of hiring minibuses for local transportation of delegates to the Gigiri campus.

Supplies and materials

12.15 An estimated amount of $25,700 would be required for printing supplies and materials. The reduction of $16,800 is due to the anticipated reduction in the documentation and supplies and materials requirements for the Council's session.

B. Executive direction and management

1. Office of the Executive Director and regional representation

Table 12.6 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 618.3	2 967.4	101.1	3.4	3 068.5	247.4	3 315.9
Other staff costs	43.9	75.4	—	—	75.4	2.5	77.9
Travel	101.3	106.9	—	—	106.9	5.6	112.5
General operating expenses	16.6	18.1	15.5	85.6	33.6	3.5	37.1
Supplies and materials	2.5	4.9	4.9	100.0	9.8	1.9	11.7
Furniture and equipment	—	—	9.2	—	9.2	2.2	11.4
Total (1)	**2 782.6**	**3 172.7**	**130.7**	**4.1**	**3 303.4**	**263.1**	**3 566.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	—	General trust funds	—
14 828.8	14 129.0	Environment Fund	14 539.5
Total (2)	**14 828.8**	**14 129.0**	**14 539.5**
Total (1) and (2)	**17 611.4**	**17 301.7**	**18 106.0**

Table 12.7 **Post requirements**

Programme: Office of the Executive Director and regional representation

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
ASG	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	6	5	7	6
D-1	—	—	—	—	4	2	4	2
P-5	4	4	—	—	8	5	12	9
P-4/3	3	3	—	—	16	8	19	11
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
Total	**9**	**9**	**—**	**—**	**37**	**23**	**46**	**32**
General Service category								
Other levels	4	4	—	—	11	11	15	15
Total	**4**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**11**	**15**	**15**
Other categories								
Local level	6	4	—	—	58	32	64	36
Total	**6**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**58**	**32**	**64**	**36**
Grand total	**19**	**17**	**—**	**—**	**106**	**66**	**125**	**83**

12.16 Executive direction and management is composed of the Office of the Executive Director and regional representation, Fund management and the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation.

12.17 The Executive Director of UNEP has overall responsibility within the United Nations system for providing leadership on environmental policy; assessing the causes and effects of environmental change, identifying emerging issues and catalysing responsive international action. The Executive Director is also responsible for the coordination of environmental activities within the United Nations system and the provision of support to the UNEP Governing Council.

12.18 Regional representation relates to the functions of the Regional Office for North America in New York, the Regional Office for Europe in Geneva, the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, the Regional Office for West Asia in Manama, the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Mexico City and the Regional Office for Africa in Nairobi. The New York and Geneva Offices are funded in part from the regular budget.

12.19 The primary task of the regional offices is to foster and promote the goals and objectives of UNEP and to maintain liaison and cooperation with government authorities, public and private institutions and organized groups of individuals at all levels. The offices ensure coordination with United Nations organizations, including regional commissions, on all matters of common interest.

12.20 The Regional Office for North America is also charged with liaison with United Nations Headquarters and with United Nations agencies with headquarters in North America. It is responsible for information and outreach activities, in particular with media groups.

12.21 The Regional Office for Europe is also charged with liaison with the United Nations Office at Geneva and with United Nations agencies with headquarters in Geneva.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

12.22 The estimated amount of $3,068,500 relates to the staffing requirements of executive direction and management, which would consist of nine Professional and eight Local level posts, as shown in table 12.7. Of these posts, one D-2 and two General Service, and one P-5, one P-4 and two General Service posts are for the Regional Offices in New York and Geneva, respectively. Two Local level secretarial posts are proposed for abolition. The growth of $101,100 is the result of the combined effect of the application of the new standardized vacancy rates and the proposed abolition of two Local level posts.

Other staff costs

12.23 A provision on a maintenance basis in the amount of $75,400 is requested for general temporary assistance ($62,500) and overtime for the New York and Geneva Offices ($12,900).

Travel

12.24 The estimated provision of $106,900 relates to the official travel of the Executive Director and the staff of her Office to participate in United Nations meetings and for consultations with Member States and senior United Nations officials ($77,400) and travel of staff of the Regional Offices for North America ($16,200) and Europe ($13,300) for consultations and participation in the work of the Governing Council.

General operating expenses

12.25 The estimated requirements of $33,600, representing an increase of $15,500, relate to the cost of communications of UNEP offices as follows: (a) $14,800 for the New York Office; (b) $6,700 for the Geneva Office; and (c) $12,100 for communications requirements of the Office of the Executive Director.

Supplies and materials and furniture and equipment

12.26 The estimated amount of $19,000 relates to supplies and materials, furniture and equipment as follows: (a) $3,700 for supplies and materials for the New York and Geneva Offices; (b) $6,100 to provide supplies for the Office of the Executive Director; and (c) $9,200 for the replacement of the copier in the Office of the Executive Director.

2. Management of the Environment Fund

Table 12.8 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Extrabudgetary resources

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
4 038.1	5 550.8	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	6 000.0
		(b) Substantive activities	
3 823.4	11 205.4	Environment Fund	8 901.0
Total **7 861.5**	**16 756.2**		**14 901.0**

Table 12.9 **Post requirements**

Programme: Management of the Environment Fund

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
D-1	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	2
P-5	—	—	—	—	2	5	2	5
P-4/3	—	—	—	—	13	27	13	27
P-2	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	3
Total	—	—	—	—	**18**	**38**	**18**	**38**
General Service								
Principal level	—	—	—	—	4	4	4	4
Other level	—	—	—	—	9	9	9	9
Total	—	—	—	—	**13**	**13**	**13**	**13**
Other categories								
Local level	—	—	—	—	18	38	18	38
Total	—	—	—	—	**18**	**38**	**18**	**38**
Grand total	—	—	—	—	*** 49**	**89**	**49**	**89***

* The increase in the number of posts is the result of reorganization, moving certain functions from the Office of the Executive Director, the regional offices and the environment programme to management of the Fund.

12.27 In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), the management and administration of the Environment Fund is the responsibility of the Executive Director under the authority and policy guidance of the Governing Council.

3. United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

Table 12.10 **Summary by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	553.2	618.2	(22.4)	(3.6)	595.8	(0.4)	595.4
Other staff costs	5.2	0.6	1.2	200.0	1.8	—	1.8
Consultants and experts	43.4	95.4	—	—	95.4	1.5	96.9
Travel	121.5	141.2	(8.3)	(5.8)	132.9	2.3	135.2
Contractual services	50.6	1.7	—	—	1.7	—	1.7
General operating expenses	—	—	1.3	—	1.3	—	1.3
Furniture and equipment	10.3	2.7	8.5	314.8	11.2	0.1	11.3
Total	**784.2**	**859.8**	**(19.7)**	**(2.2)**	**840.1**	**3.5**	**843.6**

Table 12.11 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**
Grand total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**

12.28 The United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation was established by the General Assembly by its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955 and was entrusted with the compilation and distribution of scientific data on the impact of ionizing radiation on man and the environment. Continuing annual resolutions of the Assembly reflect the concerns of Member States regarding radiation exposure and its effects and the need for the collection, analysis and interpretation of data carried out by the Committee.

12.29 The secretariat of the Committee is responsible for the preparation of the scientific documents requested by the Committee for review and discussion at its sessions. Those documents, which deal with all aspects of radiation exposure and its biological effects, are drafted by the Secretary of the Committee with assistance from consultants.

12.30 The secretariat prepares reports to the General Assembly on the sources and effects of ionizing radiation on man and the environment, representing the latest assessments of the Committee. The 1993, 1994 and 1996 reports of the Committee were published as United Nations sales publications. A further series of scientific studies is beginning with preliminary data compilation and evaluation required in documentation to be prepared during the period 1997-1999, with publication anticipated in the year 2000.

12.31 The compilation of data and preparation of the Committee's reports extends over four- to five-year periods. Each year draft documentation is submitted to the Committee at its annual sessions, where it serves as the basis for the technical discussions. In the biennium 1998-1999, the Committee secretariat will continue its work on the following subjects: (a) sources of radiation exposure (natural and man-made); (b) medical radiation exposure; (c) occupational radiation exposure; (d) models for environmental behaviour and doses of selected radionuclides; (e) DNA repair and mutagenesis; (f) hereditary effects of radiation; (g) epidemiological studies of radiation effects; (h) combined effects of radiation and other agents; and (i) Chernobyl: local doses and effects.

12.32 The Committee's secretariat organizes and services the annual sessions of the Committee.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

12.33 The estimated amount of $595,800 relates to the staffing requirements of the secretariat, which consists of one D-1 and two General Service posts. The reduction of $22,400 is due to the application of the new standardized vacancy rates.

Other staff costs

12.34 A provision in the amount of $1,800 would be required for overtime of staff during peak periods of document preparation. The increase of $1,200 is based on past patterns of expenditure.

Consultants and experts

12.35 An estimated amount of $95,400 would be required to provide for specialized consultancy services for the preparation of studies and reports to be presented to the annual sessions of the Committee and for the publication of its report.

Travel

12.36 The amount of $132,900 relates to the cost of travel of staff as follows: (a) $118,400 for the 21 representatives in the Committee and (b) $14,500 for the participation of the Secretary of the Committee in scientific meetings. The reduction of $8,300 is determined on the basis of past expenditure patterns.

Contractual services

12.37 The amount of $1,700 relates to the cost of binding scientific publications and journals.

General operating expenses

12.38 A provision in the amount of $1,300 is requested as the Committee's share of the maintenance and support of LAN technical infrastructure (including central servers) necessary for the support of central management services.

Furniture and equipment

12.39 An estimated amount of $11,200, reflecting a growth of $8,500, is requested, as follows: (a) $9,500 for the acquisition of high-grade computing and printing capabilities essential for the scientific data evaluations and document preparations, including camera-ready production of all materials for published reports, including the upgrading of computer and software; and (b) $1,700 as part of the Committee's contribution to LAN/equipment acquisition in the United Nations Office at Vienna.

C. Programme of work

Table 12.12 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
1. Sustainable management and use of natural resources	—	1 065.6	356.2	33.4	1 421.8	183.4	1 605.2
2. Sustainable production and consumption	—	245.9	9.1	3.7	255.0	35.9	290.9
3. A better environment for human health and well-being	—	551.3	14.1	2.5	565.4	71.7	637.1
4. Handling globalization and the environment	—	711.3	8.1	1.1	719.4	100.8	820.2
5. Global and regional servicing and support	—	87.3	—	—	87.3	13.2	100.5
Total	**2 846.3**[a]	**2 661.4**	**387.5**	**14.5**	**3 048.9**	**405.0**	**3 453.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	62 703.3	General trust funds	65 816.2
—	—	Environment Fund	—
		(c) Operational projects	
—	62 499.3	Environment Fund	75 000.0
—	5 000.0	Environment Fund Programme Reserve	5 000.0
—	1 000.0	Programme supplement	—
		Technical cooperation trust funds	
—	550.0	Trust Fund to Assist the Implementation of Agenda 21 in Europe and to Strengthen Pan-European Environmental Cooperation	550.0
—	600.0	Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries to Take Action in Accordance with Agenda 21	—
—	379.7	Trust Fund to Support Establishment of Regional Centres under the Basel Convention	759.4
—	148.0	Trust Fund to Provide Consultancies to Developing Countries	—
—	518.3	Trust Fund to Assist the International Agricultural Research Centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research in the Use of Geographic Information Systems in Agricultural Research Management	67.9
—	800.0	Trust Fund in Support of the Network for Environmental Training at Tertiary Level in Asia and the Pacific	—
—	2 650.0	Trust Fund to Strengthen the Institutional and Regulatory Capacity of Developing Countries in Africa	500.0
—	166.0	Trust Fund for Activities in Developing Countries on Environmental Awareness and Machinery	—

	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
			Trust Fund for the Organization of a Technology Transfer Workshop on the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for French-Speaking African Countries	100.0
	—	200.0	Trust Fund for UNEP Implementation of the Activities Funded by the Global Environment Facility	16 000.0
	—	14 000.0	Trust Fund for UNEP Implementation of the Multilateral Fund Activities	6 000.0
	—	5 500.0	Trust Fund to Assist the Implementation in Developing Countries of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	550.0
	—	550.0	Trust Fund for the Establishment of an International Environmental Technology Centre in Japan	7 000.0
	—	6 000.0	Trust Fund to Develop and Coordinate the Implementation of the Plan for the Survey, Assessment and Dealing with the Consequences of Environmental Damage Caused by the Conflict between Kuwait and Iraq	100.0
	—	50.0	Trust Fund to Support National Land Degradation Assessment and Mapping in Kenya	—
	—	196.4	Trust Fund to Promote Technical Cooperation and Assistance in Industrial, Environmental and Raw Material Management	—
	—	550.0	Trust Fund to Promote Managerial Innovation and Excellence	—
	—	53.0	Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries to Take Action for the Protection of the Ozone Layer under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol	—
	—	14.6	Trust Fund to Provide Experts to UNEP/GRID	—
	—	20.0	Trust Fund for the secondment of a UNEP Senior Officer to the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development	—
	—	380.0	Trust Funds for Provision of Professional and Junior Professional Officers	2 681.1
	—	2 852.0	Counterpart contributions	26 344.0
	—	26 344.0		
Total	**—**	**193 724.6**		**206 468.6**
Total (1) and (2)	**2 846.3**	**196 386.0**		**209 922.5**

[a] As the subprogramme structure is reorganized, expenditures for 1994-1995 are only indicated at the overall level of the programme of work.

Table 12.13 **Post requirements**

Programme of work

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	2	2	—	—	10	8	12	10
D-1	—	—	—	—	31	21	31	21
P-5	3	2	—	—	68	41	71	43
P-4/3	7	7	—	—	143	123	150	130
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	60	42	61	43
Total	**13**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**312**	**235**	**325**	**247**
General Service category								
Principal level	—	—	—	—	3	3	3	3
Other levels	—	—	—	—	108	71	108	71
Total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**111**	**74**	**111**	**74**
Other categories								
Local level	8	7	—	—	213	136	221	143
Total	**8**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**213**	**136**	**221**	**143**
Grand total	**21**	**19**	**—**	**—**	**636**	**445**	**657**	**464**

12.40 The Programme Division is responsible for the overall coordination and implementation of the five subprogrammes, namely: (a) Sustainable management and use of natural resources, which focuses on activities related to freshwater, coastal and marine resources and biological and land resources; (b) sustainable production and consumption, which focuses on activities related to cleaner production, environmental impact of energy utilization and environmentally sustainable production and consumption patterns; (c) a better environment for human health and well-being, which focuses on activities related to the reduced impact of toxic chemicals and waste and to improved environmental management practices in urban areas; and mitigating the effects of environmental change and environmental emergencies; (d) handling globalization and the environment, which focuses on activities related to trade and environment, environmental economics and environmental law; and (e) global and regional servicing and support, which focuses on activities related to global environment assessment, information for decision-making and action-planning, environmental information services, public awareness, education and outreach to major groups and support to regional and subregional cooperation, policy development resources and inter-agency affairs.

12.41 The 1998-1999 activities under each subprogramme are presented at a high level of aggregation, taking into account Governing Council decision 19/22. While the resources relating to the programme of work financed by the Environment Fund have been distributed under the five subprogrammes, resources pertaining to trust funds, including posts, are shown in aggregate at the level of the programme of work as a whole (see table 12.13).

Subprogramme 1
Sustainable management and use of natural resources

Table 12.14 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	1 013.5	372.2	36.7	1 385.7	175.7	1 561.4
Consultants and experts	—	52.1	(37.0)	(71.0)	15.1	3.3	18.4
General operating expenses	—	—	16.5	—	16.5	3.5	20.0
Supplies and materials	—	—	4.5	—	4.5	0.9	5.4
Total (1)	**—**	**1 065.6**	**356.2**	**33.4**	**1 421.8**	**183.4**	**1 605.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		Operational projects	
—	22 506.1	Environment Fund	23 250.0
—	**22 506.1**		**23 250.0**
—	**23 571.7**		**24 855.2**

Table 12.15 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Sustainable management and use of natural resources

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	2	2	3	3
D-1	—	—	—	—	7	5	7	5
P-5	2	1	—	—	7	4	9	5
P-4/3	4	4	—	—	20	16	24	20
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	—
Total	**7**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**40**	**27**	**47**	**33**
Other categories								
Local level	1	1	—	—	69	37	70	38
Total	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**69**	**37**	**70**	**38**
Grand total	**8**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**109**	**64**	**117**	**71**

12.42 The intensified and unsustainable demand for land, water, biological, marine and coastal resources resulting from the expansion of agriculture and industry and uncontrolled urbanization continues to lead to the increased degradation and depletion of natural ecosystems and to the erosion of life-supporting systems that sustain human civilization. This subprogramme will address the need to promote the sustainable use of natural resources as an essential response of the world community to ensure its own survival, well-being and socio-economic development.

12.43 Support will be provided to the work programmes of strategically relevant international environmental agreements, such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

12.44 A major thrust of this subprogramme is the promotion of scientific assessments, such as follow-up to the global biodiversity assessment, the second assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the revised *World Desertification Atlas*, the global freshwater assessment and the land-based activities assessment undertaken by the inter-agency Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution. To that end, UNEP will focus its attention on linking scientific assessments undertaken in support of environmental conventions and agreements, with a view to identifying potential areas of synergy and gaps in knowledge. In addition, the promotion of targeted scientific research will be a fundamental element of the UNEP strategy for generating and disseminating knowledge for building consensus on environmental problems and issues, particularly in support of the conventions on biological diversity, climate change and desertification.

12.45 The development of tools and guidelines to enhance the sound management of natural resources is also a major focus. This will include, *inter alia*, the application of guidelines for the preparation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in support of the Convention on Biodiversity, the testing of economic instruments for the sound management of freshwater and coastal resources, improved methodologies for assessing the impact of development projects on biodiversity and the improvement of natural resource accounting methodologies and capacity-building in developing countries. Of particular

importance will be the implementation and further testing of the international technical guidelines for safety in biotechnology.

12.46 Through this subprogramme, UNEP will be supporting countries in the development of regional, subregional and national strategies and action plans in areas such as regional seas, international freshwater basins, biodiversity and land degradation. These activities will generally be in support of relevant international, regional and subregional conventions and agreements.

Activities

12.47 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) Develop and/or improve policy-relevant assessments of the state of freshwater, coastal and marine resources, through global and regional freshwater and coastal assessments of (i) water quantity and quality, (ii) land-based sources of pollution and their impacts and (iii) diagnostic studies of drainage basins, coastal ecosystems and open oceans;

(b) Support international cooperation for the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities;

(c) Support the development and implementation of international/intergovernmental agreements on environmentally sustainable management and use of internationally shared water systems (rivers, lakes, groundwater aquifers) and small island developing States;

(d) Support the implementation of conventions and action plans concerning regional seas;

(e) Develop and apply capacity- and consensus-building activities for the environmentally sound management and use of freshwater, coastal and marine resources, including development of innovative and practical tools and guidelines for environmental sustainability; review and test appropriate technological solutions for improving conditions or solving problems related to the quality and availability of water resources; and support international initiatives/efforts aimed at strengthening policy, legal and institutional arrangements for environmentally sound management and use of freshwater, coastal and marine resources;

(f) Support implementation of special regional and global water initiatives, including the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa; activities of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Committee on Natural Resources; the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee for Oceans; the Administrative Committee on Coordination Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources; the Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution; the Global Environmental Monitoring System/Water; and the International Coral Reef Initiative;

(g) Support implementation of the objectives, measures and actions contained in the Convention on Biological Diversity, other relevant legal frameworks and Agenda 21 for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use;

(h) Promote biodiversity assessment, research and monitoring;

(i) Promote sustainable management of biodiversity;

(j) Develop economic measures, tools and policy instruments for sustainable management of biodiversity;

(k) Facilitate access to, safe transfer and cooperation for development of environmentally sound technologies for the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources;

(l) Promote capacity-building including human resource development and institutional development/strengthening, to facilitate the preparation and implementation of priority programmes and activities;

(m) Raise public awareness and dissemination of information;

(n) Improve policy-relevant assessment of drylands and land degradation at the global, regional and national levels;

(o) Increase global awareness of dryland and desertification issues;

(p) Promote actions in support of the Convention to Combat Desertification and the development of national, subregional and regional action programmes and assist in the preparation of projects for submission for Global Environment Facility financing in land degradation as it relates to the focal areas of the Facility;

(q) Increase people-oriented approaches to sustainable land use and natural resource management;

(r) Support implementation of the Framework Convention on Climate Change: catalyse activities to assist in the development and implementation of national, regional and international actions to mitigate/adapt to climate change and variability, with a focus on assistance to developing countries;

(s) Support the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change: contribute to policy-relevant assessments of the information base required for decisions to adapt to or mitigate climate change;

(t) Coordinate the World Climate Impacts and Response Strategies Programme of the Climate Agenda: catalyse activities to provide policy relevant information on the impacts of climate change and variability and on potential response options;

(u) Contribute to the implementation of chapter 9 of Agenda 21: coordinate assessments of the status of activities undertaken to address the issues of transboundary air pollution, ozone depletion and global warming and, where possible, provide policy suggestions for enhanced implementation activities, including identification of activities that have multiple benefits (e.g. global and local).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

12.48 The estimated amount of $1,385,700 relates to the staffing requirements of the subprogramme, which, following the reorganization of the programme of work, would consist of six Professional posts and one Local level post, as shown in table 12.15. One vacant P-5 post of Senior Programme Officer, which is no longer required, is proposed for abolition. The growth of $372,200 is the result of the combined effect of the application of the new standardized vacancy rates and the abolition of the P-5 post.

Consultants and experts

12.49 A provision in the amount of $15,100 is requested for consultancy services in order to undertake evaluation studies at the subprogramme level of performance indicators and regional delivery arrangements. The reduction of $37,000 relates to the funds provided previously for ad hoc expert group meetings.

General operating expenses and supplies and materials

12.50 A provision of $21,000 is requested for communications ($16,500) and for supplies ($4,500).

Subprogramme 2
Sustainable production and consumption

Table 12.16 Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Posts	—	232.9	4.3	1.8	237.2	32.0	269.2
Consultants and experts	—	13.0	—	—	13.0	2.9	15.9
General operating expenses	—	—	3.6	—	3.6	0.8	4.4
Supplies and materials	—	—	1.2	—	1.2	0.2	1.4
Total (1)	**—**	**245.9**	**9.1**	**3.7**	**255.0**	**35.9**	**290.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
	—	7 105.8	Operational projects Environment Fund	7 575.0
Total (2)	**—**	**7 105.8**		**7 575.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**—**	**7 351.7**		**7 865.9**

Table 12.17 Post requirements

Subprogramme: Sustainable production and consumption

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999
Professional category and above								
D-2	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
D-1	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	1
P-5	—	—	—	—	6	1	6	1
P-4/3	1	1	—	—	9	5	10	6
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	5	3	5	3
Total	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**24**	**11**	**25**	**12**
General Service category								
Other levels	—	—	—	—	32	12	32	12
Total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**32**	**12**	**32**	**12**
Other categories								
Local level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**
Grand total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**56**	**23**	**58**	**25**

12.51 The utilization of inappropriate technologies and the widespread adoption of unsustainable production and consumption patterns lead to high waste yields and emissions into the atmosphere and water and are inefficient in the use of natural resources, including energy and water. As the world population grows and resources are used beyond the Earth's carrying capacity, societies, in particular the affluent, must strive to establish an improved rationality in their consumption patterns and to move towards the adoption of cleaner and safer technologies, which use energy and water efficiently and reduce the use of toxic substances.

12.52 This subprogramme is centred on two specific areas: sustainable production and consumption and the reduced environmental impacts of energy utilization. As with the preceding subprogramme, a number of activities in support of international conventions will be undertaken.

12.53 The focus on cleaner production and consumption complements the work being implemented under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. To that end, activities will be carried out in close collaboration with Governments, private industry, associations and non-governmental organizations throughout the world. Implementation will be carried out primarily through the provision of support to national, subregional and regional cleaner production centres.

12.54 In addition to developing sustainable energy policies, this subprogramme will focus its energy component on supporting the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, through the preparation and implementation of projects funded by the Global Environment Facility for mitigating or eliminating the negative impacts of climate change.

Activities

12.55 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) Identify and develop sustainable industrial policies for Governments and strategies aimed at increasing resource productivity and preventing pollution;

(b) Provide information on cleaner production techniques and technologies and environmental management practices and tools;

(c) Further develop and encourage the implementation of environmental management systems and tools and promote responsible entrepreneurship by business and industry worldwide (including extracting, manufacturing and service sectors such as tourism);

(d) Support and catalyse national, subregional and regional cleaner production centres;

(e) Assist in developing national and local capabilities to prepare for and respond to technological accidents;

(f) Provide institutional servicing to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer;

(g) Support the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal;

(h) Build sustainable consumption patterns;

(i) Identify, or develop where necessary, and disseminate information on sustainable energy policies and strategies and on the environmental impacts of energy technologies, including the production, use and transportation of energy;

(j) Promote consensus among suppliers of energy, consumers and government regulators of energy production and consumption at the global and regional levels on sustainable energy technology and policies;

(k) Assist with the preparation of projects that could be funded by the Global Environment Facility that remove barriers to implementation of renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency measures in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(l) Identify opportunities, including activities implemented jointly, for the implementation of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in various industrial sectors in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

12.56 The estimated amount of $237,200 relates to the staffing requirements of the subprogramme, which, following the reorganization of the programme of work, would consist of one P-4 and one Local level post. The growth of $4,300 is the result of the application of the new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

12.57 A provision in the amount of $13,000 is requested for consultancy services in order to undertake evaluation of performance indicators and regional delivery arrangements.

General operating expenses and supplies and materials

12.58 The estimated amount of $4,800 relates to the cost of communications ($3,600) and supplies and materials ($1,200).

Subprogramme 3
A better environment for human health and well-being

Table 12.18 Summary by object of expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	539.4	8.1	1.5	547.5	68.0	615.5
Consultants and experts	—	11.9	—	—	11.9	2.5	14.4
General operating expenses	—	—	4.8	—	4.8	1.0	5.8
Supplies and materials	—	—	1.2	—	1.2	0.2	1.4
Total (1)	**—**	**551.3**	**14.1**	**2.5**	**565.4**	**71.7**	**637.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
	—	7 734.0	Operational projects Environment Fund	10 050.0
Total (2)	**—**	**7 734.0**		**10 050.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**—**	**8 285.3**		**10 687.1**

Table 12.19 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: A better environment for human health and well-being

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	1
D-1	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	7	1	8	2
P-4/3	—	—	—	—	10	6	10	6
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	—
Total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**25**	**8**	**27**	**10**
General Service category								
Principal level	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Other levels	—	—	—	—	20	7	20	7
Total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**21**	**8**	**21**	**8**
Other categories								
Local level	—	—	—	—	4	2	4	2
Total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**2**
Grand total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**50**	**18**	**52**	**20**

12.59 Environmental changes and human behaviour result in the prevalence and increase of hazardous chemicals and toxic wastes in the environment of burgeoning and deteriorating urban areas and in the increasing risk of waterborne and other diseases of environmental etiology. Such changes also have adverse effects on economic productivity, health and social welfare, including the exacerbation of the negative effects of natural disasters on the poor. The relationship between environmental degradation and pollution and human health and well-being and its root causes, must continue to be understood and preventive measures should be strengthened to mitigate negative environmental and social impacts.

12.60 The principal focus of this subprogramme will be on human health and well-being and safeguarding the human environment from the risks posed by toxic chemicals, by emerging environmental health hazards and natural and man-made environmental accidents and emergencies. Because of its nature, the work to be undertaken under this subprogramme will be closely coordinated with the activities to be implemented in the preceding subprogramme. It will include components for assessing environmental degradation provoked by chemicals, the continuing deterioration of the environment, environmental emergencies and emerging environmental health risks.

12.61 Top priority will be given to supporting the negotiation and implementation of an international legally binding instrument on prior and informed consent for hazardous chemicals in international trade, as well as to follow-up on the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety concerning legal options for addressing persistent organic pollutants.

12.62 Innovative strategies for improving urban environmental planning and management under the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)/UNEP sustainable cities programme will continue, including supporting the transfer of environmentally sound technologies for the management of sewerage, solid waste and freshwater resources within the urban environment.

12.63 Greater attention will be given to addressing emerging environmental health issues, such as endocrine disrupters and the proliferation of micro-organisms in freshwater supplies resulting from greater resistance to chemical controls.

12.64 Within the field of environmental emergencies, work will continue in developing and promoting innovative non-judicial mechanisms for avoiding and resolving environmental disputes, in particular those related to transboundary resources. At the same time, response capabilities to environmental threats and emergencies will continue to be developed and strengthened in conjunction with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat.

Activities

12.65 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) Support the secretariat of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping Wastes and Other Matter;

(b) Develop a legally binding instrument and/or other mechanisms to reduce and eliminate releases of persistent organic pollutants;

(c) Promote the global exchange of information on hazardous chemicals and wastes;

(d) Build the capacities of countries to use chemicals in a sustainable manner and protect health and the environment from chemical problems;

(e) Promote environmental health strategies to mitigate the effects of environmental degradation and pollution on human health and well-being;

(f) Promote innovative strategies for improving urban environmental planning and management through the sustainable cities programme and the implementation of Agenda 21 at the local level;

(g) Improving access to information on environmentally sound technologies through the International Environmental Technology Centre;

(h) Fostering technology cooperation, partnerships and transfer through the International Environmental Technology Centre;

(i) Individual and institutional capacity-building through the International Environmental Technology Centre;

(j) Improve decision makers' access to authoritative information on emerging environment and health issues and demonstrate the efficacy of practical measures to minimize health risks associated with development projects;

(k) Improve response to environmental threats and emergencies and develop strategies for mitigating the environmental impacts of refugees in relation to the root causes of forced migration;

(l) Further develop non-judicial mechanisms for the avoidance and settlement of environmental disputes and develop and implement national and subregional policy frameworks emphasizing integrated ecosystem management in specific eco-regions of Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

12.66 The estimated amount of $547,500 relates to the staffing requirements of the subprogramme, which would consist of one D-2 and one P-5 post. The growth of $8,100 is the result of the application of the new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

12.67 The estimated amount of $11,900 relates to consultancy services for the evaluation at the subprogramme level of performance indicators and regional delivery arrangements.

General operating expenses and supplies and materials

12.68 The provision in the amount of $6,000 relates to $4,800 for communications and $1,200 for supplies and materials.

Subprogramme 4
Handling globalization and the environment

Table 12.20 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	689.2	(11.3)	(1.6)	677.9	92.4	770.3
Consultants and experts	—	16.6	—	—	16.6	3.6	20.2
Travel	—	5.5	—	—	5.5	0.5	6.0
General operating expenses	—	—	14.4	—	14.4	3.2	17.6
Supplies and materials	—	—	5.0	—	5.0	1.1	6.1
Total (1)	**—**	**711.3**	**8.1**	**1.1**	**719.4**	**100.8**	**820.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
	—	5 048.3	Operational projects Environment Fund	6 375.0
Total (2)	**—**	**5 048.3**		**6 375.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**—**	**5 759.6**		**7 195.2**

Table 12.21 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Handling globalization and the environment

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
D-1	—	—	—	—	5	3	5	3
P-5	—	—	—	—	9	1	9	1
P-4/3	2	2	—	—	9	5	11	7
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	6	1	7	2
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**30**	**10**	**33**	**13**
General Service category								
Other levels	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	1
Total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Other categories								
Local level	6	5	—	—	17	9	23	14
Total	**6**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**17**	**9**	**23**	**14**
Grand total	**9**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**49**	**20**	**58**	**28**

12.69 The subprogramme will be centred on three major thematic issues of the global environmental agenda: trade and environment, environmental economics and environmental law.

12.70 In the field of trade and environment, working closely with UNCTAD, the following objectives will be highlighted: the strengthening of the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to carry out environmental assessments of international economic policies, improving methodologies for analysing the effectiveness and benefit/costs of environmental policies, and promoting dialogue on the relationship between international, regional and national environmental legislation and international and regional trade agreements.

12.71 In the area of environmental economics, particular attention will be given to developing and/or improving, testing and applying tools and instruments for integrating the environmental dimension into social and economic development processes. Special emphasis will be given to tools and instruments such as improved methodologies for environmental impact assessments and natural resource accounting and valuation.

12.72 Support to the development of international, regional, subregional and national environmental legislation as an essential tool for bringing order to the management of the environment will be a priority and area of focus under the subprogramme. Fundamental to this focus is the recognition that the efficiency and effectiveness of legal and institutional regimes need to be enhanced in order to integrate environment and development more effectively. Work carried out under this subprogramme related to tools and instruments for environmental management and the development of environmental legislation will be linked very closely with activities to be undertaken under subprogrammes 1, 2 and 3, in particular with regard to their integration into international, regional, subregional, national and local environmental strategies and action plans.

Activities

12.73 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) Assess the relationship between environment and trade policies and agreements;

(b) Contribute to the development of effective modalities for synergizing trade and environment policy;

(c) Build capacity for policy response and participation;

(d) Identify, develop and promote tools for increasing environmental responsibility within the financial services sector and stimulating active investment in sustainable development;

(e) Further develop the use and applications of environmental impact assessments;

(f) Further the use and application of economic instruments;

(g) Promote the use and application of the valuation of environmental and natural resources;

(h) Further the use and application of environmental and natural resource accounting;

(i) Continue to assist Governments with the implementation of Agenda 21, through the development of environmental law regimes at the international and national levels, based on the priorities identified in the Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law for the 1990s (Montevideo Programme II), in particular;

(j) Further the evolution of international environmental law through the promotion of international consensus-building and assistance with the development of legal mechanisms, instruments or regimes;

(k) Continue UNEP legal capacity-building efforts by assisting developing countries and countries with economies in transition, at their request, with the implementation of international environmental agreements at the national level and the development of national environmental legislation and institutions;

(l) Continue providing environmental law training, education and legal information;

(m) In consultation with the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, continue providing general legal services to both UNEP and the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

(n) Through the Information Unit for Conventions, support the implementation of environmental conventions by providing public information and media services to secretariats and by assisting Governments with capacity-building for national outreach programmes.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

12.74 The estimated amount of $677,900 relates to the staffing requirements of the subprogramme, which, following the reorganization of the programme of work, would consist of two P-4, one P-2 and five Local level posts. One vacant Local level post of secretary is proposed for abolition. The reduction of $11,300 is the result of the combined effect of the application of the new standardized vacancy rates and the proposed abolition of one Local level post.

Consultants and experts

12.75 The estimated amount of $16,600 relates to consultancy services in order to undertake evaluation at the subprogramme level of performance indicators and regional delivery arrangements.

Travel

12.76 An estimated amount of $5,500 is requested for participation in meetings related to conference of parties on Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

General operating expenses and supplies and materials

12.77 A provision in the amount of $19,400 would be required for communications ($14,400) and for supplies and materials ($5,000).

Subprogramme 5
Global and regional servicing and support

Table 12.22 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
Consultants and experts	—	49.3	—	—	49.3	10.8	60.1
Travel	—	38.0	—	—	38.0	2.4	40.4
Total (1)	**—**	**87.3**	**—**	**—**	**87.3**	**13.2**	**100.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
	—	20 105.1	Operational projects Environment Fund	27 750.0
Total (2)	**—**	**20 105.1**		**27 750.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**—**	**20 192.4**		**27 850.5**

Table 12.23 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Global and regional servicing and support

	Established posts: Regular budget 1996-1997	Established posts: Regular budget 1998-1999	Temporary posts: Regular budget 1996-1997	Temporary posts: Regular budget 1998-1999	Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary resources 1996-1997	Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary resources 1998-1999	Total 1996-1997	Total 1998-1999
Professional category and above								
D-2	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
D-1	—	—	—	—	4	2	4	2
P-5	—	—	—	—	14	9	14	9
P-4/3	—	—	—	—	36	32	36	32
P-2	—	—	—	—	11	8	11	8
Total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**66**	**52**	**66**	**52**
General Service category								
Other levels	—	—	—	—	6	3	6	3
Total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**3**	**6**	**3**
Other categories								
Local level	—	—	—	—	75	40	75	40
Total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**75**	**40**	**75**	**40**
Grand total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**147**	**95**	**147**	**95**

12.78 This subprogramme will be centred on oversight of the implementation of programme in the three functional areas of assessment, policy and regional delivery.

12.79 In the field of assessment, UNEP will continue to review the state of the world's environment and provide early warning of environmental threats, principally through the production of global and regional state-of-the-environment assessments. Support will also be provided to improving the sectoral assessments that will be undertaken under the first three subprogrammes. At the same time, the global, regional, subregional and national sectoral assessments to be undertaken under subprogrammes 1 to 3 will be incorporated into the global and regional state-of-the-environment assessments to be carried out under subprogramme 5.

12.80 To carry out the assessment work of this subprogramme effectively, priority will also be given to strengthening existing national and international institutional capacities for information processing and exchange. This will in addition strengthen the capacities of developing countries to take informed decisions concerning the management and sustainable use of their natural resources. Through improved communications and networking, Governments, international organizations and other institutions will also be provided greater access to the unique sources of data and information at UNEP.

12.81 Under this subprogramme, targeted scientific research for improved decision-making and environmental management will be promoted. Special attention will be given to linking targeted scientific research with the needs and priorities of international agreements such as the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, as well as to the overall assessment work undertaken by UNEP.

12.82 The oversight policy work of UNEP will also be carried out under this subprogramme. The objectives here are: (a) to develop policy recommendations and responses to major events and emerging environmental issues; (b) to promote collaboration among international and regional environmental conventions and related agreements; (c) to elaborate and promote a policy on gender and the environment; and (d) to promote and lead system-wide coordination in the field of the environment at the policy level.

12.83 The overall implementation of the programme will be carried out with a strong regional delivery that will be provided under this subprogramme. The global work of UNEP will be translated into specific regional actions and will be strongly supported by its six regional offices. Moreover, through this subprogramme, special consideration will be given to assessing the specific priorities and needs of the regions, taking them into account in formulating regional strategies for delivering the programme.

Activities

12.84 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) Promote and support regional and subregional cooperative frameworks;

(b) Provide advisory services to Governments;

(c) Provide periodic, scientifically sound, policy-relevant environment assessments (State-of-the-Environment Unit);

(d) Coordinate production of the second issue in the Global Environment Outlook report series, through a global network of assessment collaborating centres; regional policy consultations; four working groups on data, models and indicators, scenarios and policy; collaboration with the scientific community and the organizations of the United Nations system through the United Nations system-wide Earthwatch. The Global Environment Outlook report series provides a rallying point for a global participatory assessment process;

(e) Operate a global network of assessment collaborating centres that provides assessment and policy guidance to regional and global environmental forums; provide a forum for cooperation between donors in building capacities in developing countries for integrated, policy-relevant assessments and forecasts; provide input to the World Resources Report, indicator development and state-of-the-environment report productions; and maintain effective links with the Environmental Information Network, the environmental impact statement and regional office programmes;

(f) Contribute to the production of the World Resources Report and in alternate years to the Global Environment Outlook report, jointly with the World Resources Institute, UNDP and the World Bank;

contribute to global, regional and national efforts to develop and make operational sustainable development indicators, including the indicator work coordinated by the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat, World Bank/FAO/UNEP/UNDP land quality indicators and so on;

(g) Promote targeted scientific and policy research to fill knowledge gaps in critical environmental areas;

(h) Establish collaborative agreements, design, support and service regionally based environment and natural resource information networking mechanisms to develop mutually supportive geo-referenced, bibliographic and institutional databases and methods to exchange and transfer data related to environmental assessment and management;

(i) Evaluate the need for and promote and facilitate capacity development and enhancement in environmental data and information management in appropriate institutions and programmes participating in the UNEP collaborative assessment framework;

(j) Environment information access services: design, implement and maintain a coordinated system for UNEP environmental information exchange;

(k) International Referral System for Sources of Environmental Information (INFOTERRA) global environmental information exchange services: maintain technical secretariat support services to coordinate national institutional information networks;

(l) Global Resource Information Database (GRID) global network of geo-referenced data centres: maintain technical secretariat support services to coordinate institutional data and information networks;

(m) Global communications services (UNEPNET/Mercure);

(n) Form a secretariat-type body co-funded by UNEP and one or more donor nations;

(o) Operate and maintain a coordinated operational system for information exchange within and beyond the UNEP and partner institutions;

(p) Coordinate operation of the Mercure satellite telecommunications facility through the Swiss telecommunications authority;

(q) Implement industry-standard information locator system technology and undertake Mercure utilization activities in partnership with external institutions;

(r) Promote and assist people's participation in environmental management through information-sharing and increased understanding of environmental issues;

(s) Generate public information and communications;

(t) Service institutional (in-house) information needs;

(u) Develop, disseminate and promote policy recommendations and responses;

(v) Carry out information exchange and institutional strengthening for effective environmental policy;

(w) Provide internal coordination of policy-relevant responses, advocacy and assessments;

(x) Undertake system-wide coordination in the field of environment, including at the policy level; ensure that environment aspects are included in United Nations coordination under the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary structure (the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development and the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions) and in major intergovernmental organs, such as the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Sustainable Development and relevant governing bodies; and promotion of strategic bilateral cooperation with specialized agencies of the United Nations system;

(y) Establish enhanced cooperation and information exchange to ensure systematic consideration of the environment in activities of multilateral financial institutions, in particular through the Committee of International Development Institutions on the Environment, as well as on a bilateral level;

(z) Coordinate international and regional conventions in the field of the environment;

(aa) Provide guidance to incorporate gender sensitivity into UNEP activities, including training, meetings and resource mobilization;

(bb) Organize enriching programmes and projects in UNEP priority areas through the provision of advice, guidance and application of methodologies to include gender issues;

(cc) Implement policies and strategies for resource mobilization;

(dd) Develop in-house capacity for dynamic resource mobilization;

(ee) Facilitate capacity-building and technical cooperation activities in developing countries.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Consultants and experts

12.85 The estimated amount of $49,300 relates to the fees of consultants who will undertake evaluation studies at the subprogramme level of performance indicators and regional information delivery arrangements in each of the six regional offices.

Travel

12.86 An estimated amount of $38,000 would be required for participation in the sessions of the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination and in inter-agency meetings.

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Section 13
Human settlements
(Programme 11 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001)

Overview

13.1 The United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) is responsible for the implementation of the programme of work under this section. The Centre is the focal point for human settlement programmes in the United Nations system and for providing technical assistance to Member States in this field.

13.2 The 1998-1999 programme of work reflects significant programmatic changes from that of the biennium 1996-1997. These changes are due to the incorporation of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in June 1996. The number of subprogrammes has been reduced from eight to four. In addition, during the biennium 1996-1997 the Centre has undertaken a reorganization of its secretariat.

13.3 The overall objective of the programme of work is to contribute to and assist in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, the global plan of action adopted by the Conference. The programme of work focuses on the following four priority areas: (a) shelter and social services; (b) urban management; (c) environment and infrastructure; and (d) assessment, monitoring and information.

13.4 The Centre will direct its efforts to providing support to and working in partnership with Governments, local authorities, non-governmental organizations and the private sector in responding to the social, economic and environmental challenges of rapid urbanization and in ensuring that settlements of all sizes have the capacity to play their key developmental role and provide for the basic needs of their people. These efforts are expected to contribute to increased institutional and technical capacity at the national and local levels to elaborate, execute, monitor and evaluate shelter and sustainable human settlement programmes to implement the Habitat Agenda and through it the objectives of Agenda 21 at the local level. This will be achieved through an integrated approach consisting of policy advice, targeted technical cooperation and the exchange of and learning from experience and best practices.

13.5 The resources proposed for the section reflect a growth of $63,900, or 0.5 per cent, resulting from increases and decreases under various objects of expenditure, notably the deletion of the resources originally appropriated in the biennium 1996-1997 in connection with Habitat II, the provision of increased resources for general operating expenses, supplies and materials and equipment and the proposed abolition of two P-3 and five Local level posts that have become redundant as a result of the reorganization of the Centre and its programme of work.

13.6 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources under this section for the biennium 1998-1999 would be as follows:

		Regular budget	Extra-budgetary
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	9.3	—
B.	Executive direction and management	20.6	5.6
C.	Programme of work	70.1	94.4
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 13.1 **Summary of requirements by component**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component		1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
				Amount	Percentage			
A.	Policy-making organs	1 176.5	1 227.0	—	—	1 227.0	(2.6)	1 224.4
	Habitat II	950.1	680.5	(680.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
B.	Executive direction and management	1 969.4	2 091.9	302.6	14.4	2 394.5	327.1	2 721.6
C.	Programme of work	7 554.6	7 732.3	441.8	5.7	8 174.1	1 086.5	9 260.6
D.	Programme support	1 526.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total (1)	**13 177.2**	**11 731.7**	**63.9**	**0.5**	**11 795.6**	**1 411.0**	**13 206.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
	—	—	(a) Services in support of: (i) United Nations organizations	—
	4 474.5	2 517.3	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	2 886.5
			(b) Substantive activities	
	4 477.1	7 339.3	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	5 420.4
	5 129.8	6 521.7	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	6 144.0
			(c) Operational projects	
	15 865.2	17 544.0	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	21 500.0
	42 900.0	36 000.0	UNDP	36 000.0
	4 600.0	9 000.0	Other sources	9 000.0
Total (2)	**77 446.6**	**78 922.3**		**80 950.9**
Total (1) and (2)	**90 623.8**	**90 654.0**		**94 157.5**

Table 13.2 Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	10 262.3	9 314.2	204.6	2.1	9 518.8	1 247.8	10 766.6
Other staff costs	1 940.6	1 596.7	(223.6)	(14.0)	1 373.1	6.2	1 379.3
Consultants and experts	210.8	335.5	26.5	7.8	362.0	65.2	427.2
Travel	175.9	218.1	(108.5)	(49.7)	109.6	7.4	117.0
Contractual services	57.7	71.0	—	—	71.0	15.3	86.3
General operating expenses	347.8	139.6	12.0	8.5	151.6	26.0	177.6
Hospitality	11.8	22.0	(17.3)	(78.6)	4.7	0.9	5.6
Supplies and materials	111.6	29.6	47.8	161.4	77.4	15.2	92.6
Furniture and equipment	58.7	5.0	122.4	2 448.0	127.4	27.0	154.4
Total (1)	**13 177.2**	**11 731.7**	**63.9**	**0.5**	**11 795.6**	**1 411.0**	**13 206.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1998-1999 estimates*
16 388.4	18 210.1	Posts	17 607.4
100.7	30.0	Other staff costs	33.0
2 138.4	2 584.8	Consultants and experts	3 071.0
1 614.9	1 770.2	Travel	2 073.1
4 079.9	4 858.4	Contractual services	5 546.8
3 168.5	3 926.3	General operating expenses	4 512.9
269.6	182.9	Supplies and materials	215.1
590.2	605.2	Furniture and equipment	741.6
1 586.8	1 754.4	Grants and contributions	2 150.0
47 509.2	45 000.0	Other	45 000.0
77 446.6	**78 922.3**		**80 950.9**
90 623.8	**90 654.0**		**94 157.5**

Table 13.3 Post requirements

Organizational unit: United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
ASG	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	1	1	2	2
D-1	3	3	—	—	6	7	9	10
P-5	6	6	—	—	15	15	21	21
P-4/3	28	26	—	—	34	35	62	61
P-2/1	5	5	—	—	11	11	16	16
Total	**44**	**42**	**—**	**—**	**68**	**70**	**112**	**112**
General Service category								
Other levels	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**
Other categories								
Local level	27	22	—	—	73	81	100	103
Total	**27**	**22**	**—**	**—**	**73**	**81**	**100**	**103**
Grand total	**73**	**66**	**—**	**—**	**141**	**151**	**214**	**217**

A. Policy-making organs

Table 13.4 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
Policy-making organs	1 176.5	1 227.0	—	—	1 227.0	(2.6)	1 224.4
Habitat II	950.1	680.5	(680.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**2 126.6**	**1 907.5**	**(680.5)**	**(100.0)**	**1 227.0**	**(2.6)**	**1 224.4**

Commission on Human Settlements

Table 13.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
Other staff costs	1 156.7	1 203.7	—	—	1 203.7	(5.8)	1 197.9
General operating expenses	15.5	18.6	—	—	18.6	2.3	20.9
Hospitality	4.3	4.7	—	—	4.7	0.9	5.6
Total	**1 176.5**	**1 227.0**	**—**	**—**	**1 227.0**	**(2.6)**	**1 224.4**

13.7 The Commission on Human Settlements, consisting of 58 Member States, is the policy-making organ of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements. The Commission meets biennially and reports to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. The seventeenth session of the Commission will be held in 1999. In the light of the mandate provided by Habitat II, the Commission's sessions are expected to involve, as partners, non-governmental organizations and representatives of local authorities and the private sector active in the field of human settlements in the process of implementation of the Habitat Agenda. Consequently, the number of participating observers is expected to expand, beginning with the sixteenth session of the Commission in 1997.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Other staff costs

13.8 The estimated amount of $1,203,700 relates to temporary assistance for meetings ($1,198,600) and overtime ($5,100) required for the servicing of the seventeenth session of the Commission.

General operating expenses and hospitality

13.9 A provision in the amount of $23,300 would be required for the seventeenth session of the Commission, as follows: $8,500 for rental and maintenance of equipment; $4,700 for hospitality and $10,100 for miscellaneous services to meet the various charges, claims and adjustments arising from the session.

B. Executive direction and management

Table 13.6 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 901.9	2 014.6	—	—	2 014.6	256.7	2 271.3
Other staff costs	—	—	12.2	—	12.2	2.6	14.8
Consultants and experts	—	—	79.1	—	79.1	17.5	96.6
Travel	25.5	30.8	—	—	30.8	1.8	32.6
General operating expenses	29.7	33.0	20.0	60.6	53.0	6.3	59.3
Supplies and materials	12.3	8.5	68.9	810.5	77.4	15.2	92.6
Furniture and equipment	—	5.0	122.4	2 448.0	127.4	27.0	154.4
Total (1)	**1 969.4**	**2 091.9**	**302.6**	**14.4**	**2 394.5**	**327.1**	**2 721.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
4 474.5	2 517.3	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	2 886.5
		(b) Substantive activities	
541.0	1 226.7	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	1 183.8
357.4	480.5	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	449.7
5 372.9	**4 224.5**		**4 520.0**
7 342.3	**6 316.4**		**7 241.6**

Table 13.7 **Post requirements**

Programme: Executive direction and management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
ASG	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	1	1	2	2
D-1	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	4	4	—	—	3	3	7	7
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**7**	**14**	**14**
General Service category								
Other levels	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**
Other categories								
Local level	5	5	—	—	12	12	17	17
Total	**5**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**12**	**17**	**17**
Grand total	**14**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**19**	**19**	**33**	**33**

13.10 Executive direction and management encompasses the Office of the Executive Director and the Liaison Office in New York. The Office of the Executive Director is responsible for providing overall direction, supervision and coordinated management of the Centre in the implementation of its legislative mandates and the approved programme of work. The functions of the New York Liaison Office include participation in the work of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and meetings of other intergovernmental bodies, liaison with permanent missions in New York and provision of information to all involved in human settlement activities, including non-governmental organizations.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

13.11 The estimated amount of $2,014,600 relates to the staffing requirements of the Office of the Executive Director (one USG, one D-2, one P-5, two P-4, one P-3 and five Local level) and the New York Liaison Office (one P-3 and two General Service).

Other staff costs

13.12 The estimated amount of $12,200 relates to overtime for the Office of the Executive Director.

Consultants and experts

13.13 A provision in the amount of $79,100 would be required to provide for consultancy services for the preparation of studies and reports on the various aspects of the follow-up to the Habitat Agenda, including the mandate by the Conference to bring together diverse partners such as community-based organizations, institutes, non-governmental organizations and the private sector into the process of implementation of the global plan of action at the local, national, regional and international levels.

Travel

13.14 The amount of $30,800 relates to the travel of the Executive Director to participate in the work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and for consultation with senior officials of the Organization.

General operating expenses

13.15 An estimated amount of $53,000 would be required for communications both for the Office of the Executive Director ($20,000) and the New York Liaison Office ($33,000). The increase of $20,000 is due to the communications requirements of the Office of the Executive Director.

Supplies and materials

13.16 A provision of $77,400 would be required in order to meet the supplies and materials requirements for both the Centre in Nairobi ($66,900) and the New York Liaison Office ($10,500).

Furniture and equipment

13.17 The estimated requirement of $127,400 would cover the cost of equipment for the whole Centre. This includes replacement and acquisition of computers ($45,000); upgrading and expansion of LAN systems ($20,000); and replacement of reproduction equipment ($50,000) and other office equipment ($12,400).

C. Programme of work

Table 13.8 **Summary by subprogramme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
1. Shelter and social services	—	1 331.1	431.0	32.3	1 762.1	243.2	2 005.3
2. Urban management	—	2 236.7	55.8	2.4	2 292.5	306.6	2 599.1
3. Environment and infrastructure	—	1 569.2	(26.4)	(1.6)	1 542.8	199.9	1 742.7
4. Assessment, monitoring and information	—	2 595.3	(18.6)	(0.7)	2 576.7	336.8	2 913.5
Total (1)	**7 554.6**	**7 732.3**	**441.8**	**5.7**	**8 174.1**	**1 086.5**	**9 260.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
		United Nations Habitat and Human	
3 936.1	6 113.4	Settlements Foundation	4 236.6
		United Nations Centre for Human	
4 772.4	6 041.2	Settlements (Habitat)	5 694.3
		(c) Operational projects	
		United Nations Habitat and Human	
15 865.2	17 544.0	Settlements Foundation	21 500.0
42 900.0	36 000.0	UNDP	36 000.0
4 600.0	9 000.0	Other sources	9 000.0
Total (2)	**72 073.7***	**74 698.6**	**76 430.9**
Total (1) and (2)	**79 628.3***	**82 430.9**	**85 691.5**

* As the subprogramme structure has been reorganized, expenditures for 1994-1995 are indicated only at the section level.

Table 13.9 **Post requirements**

Programme: Human settlements

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999
Professional category and above								
D-1	3	3	—	—	4	5	7	8
P-5	5	5	—	—	15	15	20	20
P-4/3	24	22	—	—	31	32	55	54
P-2/1	5	5	—	—	11	11	16	16
Total	**37**	**35**	**—**	**—**	**61**	**63**	**98**	**98**
Other categories								
Local level	22	17	—	—	61	69	83	86
Total	**22**	**17**	**—**	**—**	**61**	**69**	**83**	**86**
Grand total	**59**	**52**	**—**	**—**	**122**	**132**	**181**	**184**

13.18 The overall strategy to achieve the goals of the Habitat Agenda is based on the principles of (a) enablement and participation; and (b) capacity-building and institutional development. The cornerstone of this strategy is the strengthening of partnerships between Governments and local authorities, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and all other interested parties. In establishing this strategy, the Centre will work in close collaboration with other organizations of the United Nations system.

13.19 The focus of activities will be on (a) assisting countries to implement the Habitat Agenda through their national plans of action; (b) servicing the Commission on Human Settlements and enabling it to carry out its mandate of coordinating and global monitoring of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the assessment of progress achieved; (c) facilitating, monitoring and supporting the work of Habitat partners

at the global, regional, national and local levels; and (d) awareness-raising through public information activities on human settlement issues.

13.20 The programme of work is designed to achieve maximum impact with the limited human and financial resources that are available from the regular budget, general and earmarked voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, from specific projects and programmes funded by UNDP and other sources of funds within and outside the United Nations system. Accordingly, resources would be utilized in a manner that would facilitate complementarity and an integrated project and programme delivery. The activities to be undertaken include global monitoring of trends and emerging issues; research in critical human settlement areas; support to national policy-making, including training and capacity-building through workshops, seminars and fellowships; and the preparation and dissemination of public information material and best practices. A process of self-evaluation is built into every subprogramme.

13.21 Within the programme of work, the estimated percentage distribution of resources among the subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1. Shelter and social services	21.7	25.6
Subprogramme 2. Urban management	28.0	25.0
Subprogramme 3. Environment and infrastructure	18.8	24.1
Subprogramme 4. Assessment, monitoring and information	31.5	25.3
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogramme 1
Shelter and social services

Table 13.10 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	1 241.2	411.0	33.1	1 652.2	225.4	1 877.6
Consultants and experts	—	70.8	—	—	70.8	12.2	83.0
Travel	—	19.1	—	—	19.1	1.3	20.4
General operating expenses	—	—	20.0	—	20.0	4.3	24.3
Total (1)	—[a]	**1 331.1**	**431.0**	**32.3**	**1 762.1**	**243.2**	**2 005.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	1 510.3	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	795.6
—	1 452.3	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	2 137.1
		(c) Operational projects	
—	4 386.0	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	5 375.0
—	9 000.0	UNDP	9 000.0
—	2 250.0	Other sources	2 250.0
Total (2)	**18 598.6**		**19 557.7**
Total (1) and (2)	—[a] **19 929.7**		**21 563.0**

[a] As the subprogramme structure has been reorganized, expenditures for 1994-1995 are indicated only in the summary tables at the section level.

Table 13.11 **Post requirements**

Programme: Shelter and social services

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	1	2	2	3
P-5	1	1	—	—	6	6	7	7
P-4/3	6	5	—	—	7	8	13	13
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Total	**8**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**15**	**17**	**23**	**24**
Other categories								
Local level	5	5	—	—	15	19	20	24
Total	**5**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**15**	**19**	**20**	**24**
Grand total	**13**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**30**	**36**	**43**	**48**

13.22 The Habitat Agenda emphasizes that access to safe and healthy shelter and basic services is essential for the well being of people and should be a fundamental part of urgent action for the more than one billion people who continue to live under inadequate conditions of shelter and basic social services. This urgency presents enormous challenges to the public and private sectors and must be tackled in collaboration with community-based efforts in order to produce adequate shelter and services at the required scale and at affordable cost. In this respect, the Habitat Agenda has led to a new commitment by Governments to work towards the full and progressive realization of the human right to adequate housing. During the biennium 1998-1999, the emphasis of this subprogramme will be on support to Governments, partners and civil society in implementing policies and programmes based on the enabling approach outlined by the Global

Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 and on strategies in support of the realization of the human right to adequate housing.

13.23 During the biennium 1998-1999, activities will be grouped in four clusters: shelter policies and finance, housing rights, community development and settlement upgrading, and the construction industry and private sector. Cooperation with relevant United Nations agencies and organizations will be enhanced. The main activities under the first cluster include the monitoring of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 and support to implementation of the Habitat Agenda with specific reference to shelter and social services, undertaking research, policy analysis and technical cooperation on key themes in shelter policy, shelter delivery and enabling markets to work, promoting innovative housing finance systems to address the needs of the poor and evaluating partnership modalities in financing the provision and operation of basic services. The second cluster will be centred on providing assistance to countries, at their request, to promote the realization of the human right to adequate housing, through advisory missions, expert meetings and the analysis of relevant national legislation. The third cluster will include activities on enhancing the capacity of low-income communities to plan, implement and manage human settlement improvements through community organizations and social mobilization. Developing and establishing linkages with actors outside the community, assisting public initiatives and developing and promoting strategies for Governments at all levels to improve conditions of shelter and basic social services and collaboration with partners in promoting security of tenure and improving informal land markets will also be among the activities to be undertaken in this cluster. Establishing partnerships with the private construction industry to promote local construction technologies, the use of local building materials and small-scale enterprise development will be the main activities of the fourth cluster.

Activities

13.24 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of inter-governmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)*

(i) Substantive servicing. Four meetings of the General Assembly and two meetings of the Commission on Human Settlements;

(ii) Parliamentary documentation. (a) The report of the Commission on Human Settlements to the General Assembly on implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000; and (b) a report to the Commission on the monitoring of the Global Strategy;

(iii) Ad hoc expert group meetings. Two expert group meetings on practical aspects in the realization of the human right to adequate housing and on research and community management;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Recurrent publications. The regional newsletter on community development programmes (two issues); and the *Journal of the Network of African Countries in Local Building Materials and Technologies* (four issues);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Enablement and partnership for shelter and social services; the delivery of shelter and social services through partnerships and joint ventures with local authorities and private sector and non-governmental organizations; improving living conditions of older persons in urban communities (contribution of the Centre to the International Year of Older Persons); contribution of youth to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (three regional reports); innovative housing finance mechanisms in assisting low-income groups; practical aspects in the realization of the human right to adequate housing; strategies to combat homelessness; analysis of housing rights legislation; women and property rights; community development (two publications); partnership for community management; comparative review: community/local government partnerships in selected countries; strategies and practices in informal land markets and informal settlement regularization and upgrading; best practices in access to security of tenure; a compendium on the use of technologies in low-cost construction; and the contribution of the private sector in promoting the use of local building materials and low-cost construction;

(iii) Electronic, audio and video issuances. Video on people's experiences with partnerships; and an information network for community, municipal and non-governmental organizations (Internet homepage);

(iv) Booklets, pamphlets. Two pamphlets on the Centro de Recursos para el Desarrollo Sostenible de los Asentamientos Humanos en Centroamérica and the Sistema de Comunicación de Comunidades; training package on informal settlement regularization and upgrading; and four project fact sheets;

(v) Technical material. Visual database on environmentally sustainable construction methods;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*. Participation in meetings with local authorities, private sector developers, non-governmental organizations, youth groups and other partners on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; and participation in meetings of the Commission on Human Rights when it considers the issue of the human right to adequate housing;

(d) *Technical cooperation (XB)*

(i) Advisory services. Six missions on enabling housing policies and innovative housing finance mechanisms; two missions on the realization of the human right to adequate housing; six missions on community participation and management in the context of assisting countries to implement the Habitat Agenda; four missions on equal access to security of tenure, informal land markets and informal settlement regularization and upgrading; and seven missions to assist countries in the development of low-cost housing production technologies;

(ii) Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia). Regional workshops on innovative housing finance mechanisms; two community management programme review meetings; three subregional seminars on community empowerment, participatory training strategies and resource mobilization for community initiatives; three national dialogues on community-based human settlement development approaches for implementing the Habitat Agenda; three regional workshops on access to security of tenure, informal land markets and informal settlements regularization and upgrading; consultations with local authorities, non-governmental organizations and private sector partners on equal access to security of tenure; and a regional workshop with private sector partners on low-cost construction technologies;

(iii) Field projects. Eight country projects on assistance to national housing policies and finance; four country field projects; four subregional projects; four country projects on informal land markets and upgrading of informal housing; and two country projects on low-cost housing production.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

13.25 The estimated amount of $1,652,200 relates to the staffing requirements of this subprogramme, which, following the reorganization of the programme of work, would consist of seven Professional (one D-1, one P-5, three P-4 and two P-3) and five Local level posts. One vacant P-3 post is proposed for abolition. The growth of $411,000 is the result of the combined effect of the application of new standardized vacancy rates and the proposed abolition of the P-3 post.

Consultants and experts

13.26 A provision in the amount of $70,800 would be required, as follows: (a) $49,700 to provide for the fees of consultancy services for the preparation of the following publications: (i) a report on monitoring of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000; (ii) enablement and partnership for shelter and social services; (iii) delivery of shelter and social services through partnerships and joint ventures with local authorities, the private sector and non-governmental organizations; (iv) innovative housing finance mechanisms in assisting low-income groups with finance for shelter and services; (v) documentation and analysis of housing rights legislation; and (vi) contribution of the private sector in promoting local building materials and low-cost construction; and (b) $21,100 for the convening of an expert group meeting on practical aspects of the realization of the human right to adequate housing.

Travel

13.27 The amount of $19,100 is for collection of information and attendance at United Nations meetings and meetings organized by partner institutions and organizations on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

General operating expenses

13.28 An estimated amount of $20,000 would be required for the cost of communications.

Subprogramme 2
Urban management

Table 13.12 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	2 147.0	35.8	1.6	2 182.8	289.1	2 471.9
Consultants and experts	—	70.7	—	—	70.7	11.8	82.5
Travel	—	19.0	—	—	19.0	1.4	20.4
General operating expenses	—	—	20.0	—	20.0	4.3	24.3
Total (1)	—[a]	**2 236.7**	**55.8**	**2.4**	**2 292.5**	**306.6**	**2 599.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	1 425.3	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	311.0
—	1 537.2	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	2 139.0
		(c) Operational projects	
—	4 386.0	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	5 375.0
—	9 000.0	UNDP	9 000.0
—	2 250.0	Other sources	2 250.0
—	**18 598.5**	**Total (2)**	**19 075.0**
—[a]	**20 835.2**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**21 674.1**

[a] As the subprogramme structure has been reorganized, expenditures for 1994-1995 are indicated only in the summary tables at the section level.

Table 13.13 **Post requirements**

Programme: Urban management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	2	2	3	3
P-5	2	2	—	—	3	3	5	5
P-4/3	6	6	—	—	4	4	10	10
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	2	2	3	3
Total	**10**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**11**	**21**	**21**
Other categories								
Local level	5	5	—	—	8	12	13	17
Total	**5**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**12**	**13**	**17**
Grand total	**15**	**15**	**—**	**—**	**19**	**23**	**34**	**38**

13.29 An increasingly urbanized world implies that sustainable development will depend largely on management capacity in urban settlements of all sizes. The municipal level of government is therefore the key actor in making human settlements viable, equitable and sustainable since it is the level of administration closest to the people. However, as recognized in the Habitat Agenda, the scarcity of suitably qualified personnel and the weakness of institutional systems and technical capacity are among the main obstacles to the improvement of human settlements in many countries, particularly in developing countries. Capacity-building and institutional development strategies must therefore form an integral part of human settlement development policies at the national and local levels. In developing countries in particular, where changes in human settlement patterns are rapid, resulting in pressing socio-economic and environmental challenges, there is a need to ensure effective and efficient development and transfer of leadership skills, planning and management expertise, know-how, technology and resources. The role of the Centre is primarily to strengthen national capabilities to respond to those needs, through advocacy, provision of guidelines and generic tools (developed jointly with partners), strategic catalytic activities such as training of trainers in new and unattended areas, monitoring and evaluation.

13.30 The activities under this subprogramme are organized in four clusters centred respectively on urban governance and local leadership, urban and regional planning, women in human settlement development and reducing urban poverty — the key elements of national plans of action for Habitat II. This will aim at achieving transparent, representative and accountable governance, and effective and efficient settlement management, resulting in a better living environment for all, in a more open, just, equitable and sustainable society, and in supporting women's political and economic empowerment and their equal participation in human settlement management. The activities will be implemented in collaboration with the national committees that prepared the national plans of action for Habitat II.

Activities

13.31 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of inter-governmental/expert bodies*

(i) Parliamentary documentation. Two reports to the Commission on Human Settlements: (a) the practice of partnership at the country level; and (b) financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries for human settlements;

(ii) Ad hoc expert group meeting. International conference to review planning and management experiences in implementing Agenda 21 at the local level;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Non-recurrent publications. Policy paper on urban governance and decentralization; two urban management programme research publications on local governance and urban finance; two training manuals/handbooks on local government financial management; one training manual/handbook for elected local government officials; guidelines for strengthening rural-urban linkages in developing countries; policy paper on urban planning revisited; the impact of recent demographic trends on sustainable human settlements: implications for policy in urban management; partner dialogue in promoting expanded development of tools for land resource management: land survey and large-scale mapping coverage; experiences with privatization of municipal services; guidelines for monitoring the gender-awareness implementation of the Habitat Agenda within the context of rapid urbanization; five urban management programme publications at the central and regional levels on urban poverty reduction strategies and practices; Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council Network on services for the urban poor; international consultation on urban poverty; and a compendium on urban poverty-reduction activities;

(ii) Electronic, audio and video issuances. Video, "Our Practices", in urban informal settlements; and beta-releases of rural-urban linkages and urban governance (Internet homepage);

(iii) Technical material. Urban poverty database;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*. Participation in meetings organized by local authorities, non-governmental organizations, capacity-building institutions and other partners; four consultations of the coordinating committee of the urban poverty forum; and two meetings of the urban poverty forum;

(d) *Technical cooperation (XB)*

(i) Advisory services. Seven advisory missions on strengthening of national and local capacity-building institutions, on urban development, urban management, municipal finance and local leadership and governance capacity-building; four advisory missions, including country and city consultations, on urban land management, local governance and municipal finance; three missions on promotion of national land survey and large-scale mapping coverage; two missions to provide advisory services on urban poverty reduction; and two missions to provide advisory services to existing urban management projects on mainstreaming gender issues;

(ii) Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia). Policy dialogue and expert workshop on impact evaluation for capacity-building programmes and activities (postponed from 1996-1997); urban management programme: consultations in approximately 8 cities on the subject of governance/urban development, including municipal finance; 2 partner policy seminars/ workshops on capacity-building strategy for urban governance and local leadership in support of national plans of action for Habitat II; 2 training workshops on sustainable urban development, urban management and municipal finance; 2 training workshops, combined with training of trainers, on local leadership and management skills; 3 regional partners workshops on capacity-building for urban land management; pilot workshop on non-governmental

organization leadership and management skills and non-governmental organization local government collaboration; 15 fellowships for trainers and officials to participate in the policy dialogue/workshop on impact evaluations; 15 fellowships for representatives of national and local capacity-building institutions, of local governments and their associations and of the non-governmental organizations to participate in the capacity-building strategy workshop; 40 fellowship for local government officials to attend training workshops on sustainable settlement development, urban management and municipal finance; 40 fellowships for elected local government officials to attend training courses, combined with training of trainers, on leadership and management skills; 12 fellowships (4 by region) to attend regional training workshops on urban land management; 15 fellowships for non-governmental organization leaders and for leadership and management skills and non-governmental organization/local government collaboration; 2 regional workshops on review and reassessment of planning legislation for sustainable urban development planning and management; partner policy discussion on demographic issues affecting sustainable human settlement development; partner consultations on expanding land survey and large-scale mapping coverage in support of planning and sustainable land development and management in developing countries: constraints, options, opportunities and the way forward; a gender-awareness seminar for local authority leaders; 4 regional and an interregional workshop on gender-aware implementation of the Habitat Agenda; 25 fellowships for non-governmental and government women; urban management programme consultations in approximately 16 cities on the subject of urban poverty alleviation; and urban management and regional planning and/or evaluation workshops (approximately 8) on the subject of urban poverty alleviation;

(iii) Field projects. Ten urban governance capacity-building projects in individual cities and countries in support of national plans of action for Habitat II; two technical assistance projects, "Making African Cities Safer from Crime", on crime prevention activities at the community level and capacity-building at the municipal level in Johannesburg and Dar es Salaam; and four technical assistance projects on urban poverty alleviation at the city level.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

13.32 The amount of $2,182,800 relates to the staffing requirements of this subprogramme which, following the reorganization of the work programme, would consist of 10 Professional (1 D-1, 2 P-5, 3 P-4, 4 P-3, and 1 P-2/1) and 5 Local level posts. The growth of $35,800 is the result of the application of new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

13.33 An estimated amount of $70,700 would be required, as follows: (a) $47,500 for consultancy services in connection with the preparation of five publications on (a) the practice of partnership at the country level; (b) financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries for human settlements; (c) policy paper on urban governance and decentralization; (d) guidelines for strengthening rural-urban linkages in developing countries; and (e) a policy paper on urban planning revisited; and (b) $23,200 for the convening of an expert group meeting on preparations for an international conference to review planning and management experiences in implementing Agenda 21 at the Local level.

Travel

13.34 An amount of $19,000 would be required to cover the cost of travel of staff for consultations, collection of information and attendance at meetings organized by local authorities, non-governmental organizations, capacity-building institutions and other partners.

General operating expenses

13.35 The amount of $20,000 is required for communications.

Subprogramme 3
Environment and infrastructure

Table 13.14 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	1 479.6	(26.4)	(1.7)	1 453.2	186.8	1 640.0
Consultants and experts	—	70.6	—	—	70.6	11.8	82.4
Travel	—	19.0	—	—	19.0	1.3	20.3
Total (1)	—[a]	**1 569.2**	**(26.4)**	**(1.6)**	**1 542.8**	**199.9**	**1 742.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	1 452.3	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	759.6
—	1 510.2	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	1 068.1
		(c) Operational projects	
—	4 386.0	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	5 375.0
—	9 000.0	UNDP	9 000.0
—	2 250.0	Other sources	2 250.0
—	**18 598.5**	**Total (2)**	**18 452.7**
—[a]	**20 167.7**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**20 195.4**

[a] As the subprogramme structure has been reorganized, expenditures for 1994-1995 are indicated only in the summary tables at the section level.

Table 13.15 **Post requirements**

Programme: Environment and infrastructure

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	4	4	5	5
P-4/3	5	5	—	—	6	6	11	11
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	2	2	3	3
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**13**	**13**	**20**	**20**
Other categories								
Local level	5	3	—	—	17	17	22	20
Total	**5**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**17**	**17**	**22**	**20**
Grand total	**12**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**30**	**30**	**42**	**40**

13.36 The Habitat Agenda underscores the importance of creating a better living environment for human health and well-being and of improving the living conditions of people as an essential prerequisite for sustainable human settlements. Health problems caused by the lack of access to safe water and sanitation, inadequate waste management, poor drainage and air pollution exact a heavy toll on the quality of life and the overall contribution of society for a sustainable world. An integrated approach for the provision of environmentally sound infrastructure in human settlements, in particular for people living in poverty in both rural and urban areas, is an investment in sustainable human settlement development that can enhance the quality of life, reduce the negative impact on the environment, improve the overall health of a population and reduce the burden of investment in both curative health and poverty alleviation.

13.37 The activities of this subprogramme will focus on the following three clusters: (a) infrastructure and technology; (b) environmental planning and management; and (c) disaster management. Efforts will be directed primarily to supporting the implementation of national plans of action addressing the Habitat Agenda priorities. The subprogramme will promote an integrated, participatory and gender-sensitive approach to the management and rehabilitation of the living environment by building capacity at the local, regional and national levels. The outputs under this subprogramme are designed to provide communities and government at different levels with practical policy options and planning and implementation guidelines, and best practices for the management and rehabilitation of infrastructure services will be disseminated. City demonstration projects will incorporate environmental management into urban development decision-making and will strengthen local environmental management capacity. Environmental planning and management activities will be supported at the country, regional and global levels. The Centre will also work in partnership with appropriate levels of government, the private sector and community groups to put into place disaster-preparedness and response capacities that are coordinated in their planning and flexible in their implementation. Women and children being the most affected in disaster situations, their needs will be incorporated at all stages of development management. Women's active involvement in development planning will be encouraged.

13.38 The activities of the subprogramme will include ongoing operational programmes of the Centre such as the settlement infrastructure and environment programme, the sustainable cities programme and the localizing Agenda 21 programme. Services will also be provided to the Commission on Sustainable Development and relevant Administrative Committee on Coordination subcommittees. The subprogramme

will be monitored on a continuous basis and will be evaluated at periodic intervals to ensure its efficiency and effectiveness in realizing the objectives of the Habitat Agenda.

13.39 A strategy of active collaboration with local authorities, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, academic and professional groups (e.g., the International Council of Local Environmental Initiative, the World Association of Cities and Local Authorities, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and the World Engineering Partnership for Sustainable Development) and also with relevant United Nations bodies, notably, UNDP, the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, UNEP, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, ILO, the World Bank and the regional development banks, will be pursued to leverage the available resources and to maximize the effect of the subprogramme. In implementing the subprogramme, an effort will be made to draw upon the full range of national expertise and local consultants and in particular to utilize the capacity of national committees already set up in different countries to prepare national plans of action.

Activities

13.40 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)*

(i) Parliamentary documentation. Two reports to the Commission on Sustainable Development on environmentally sound management of solid waste and sewage-related issues (Agenda 21);

(ii) Ad hoc expert group meetings. Expert group meeting on capacity-building in the use of environmentally sound technologies for settlement infrastructure, with particular emphasis on the needs of least developed countries;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Non-recurrent publications. Policy paper on environment and infrastructure for sustainable human settlements; economic and regulatory instruments for urban water demand management; water utility data book for Africa; waste minimization strategies for developing countries; strategies for environmentally sound energy management in urban areas of sub-Saharan Africa; regulating the informal urban transport sector; management tools for urban environmental planning and management (five publications); the formulation and implementation of local action plans on sustainable development (two publications); successful experiences in post-conflict rehabilitation in human settlements and lessons learned; and training needs assessment on disaster management and guidelines for a training strategy on disaster management and human settlements;

(ii) Electronic, audio and video issuance. Video films on "Partnerships for Water" and "Making a Livelihood from Waste"; training video package on community-based environmental management information systems; micro-enterprise development in transport: the burgeoning non-motorized transport sector in South-East Asia; and "Cities at Risk";

(iii) Technical materials. Internet home page on solid waste management; sustainable cities; localizing Agenda 21; and settlement and disaster reference systems;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

Participation in the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-secretariat Group for Water Resources; Administrative Committee on Coordination/Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions meetings; two global meetings with all sustainable cities programme partners (partner cities, collaborating support programmes and donor countries); two global meetings of the urban environment forum, three international or regional seminars organized by international non-governmental organizations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, OXFAM, Action Aid and the Oxford University Centre for Refugees; international, regional and country partner networks on disaster management (local authorities, non-governmental organizations, communities and academics); and the UNDP/Department of Humanitarian Affairs Disaster Management Training

Programme and attendance at three country workshops; contributions to six consolidated appeals and donor meetings; and strengthening the role of the Habitat/UNEP Joint Task Force on the Continuum from Relief to Development (regular meetings and joint field missions);

(d) *Technical cooperation (XB/RB)*

(i) Advisory services. Five missions to support multisectoral investment plan approaches in urban infrastructure, capacity-building for demand management, promotion of public/private partnerships; support to Member States in implementing national plans of action for Habitat II; 15 missions in support of implementing national plans of action in the field of environmental planning and management; and 10 missions to provide support to local authorities, local communities and national Governments on the management of disaster prevention and rehabilitation in human settlements;

(ii) Group training: (seminars, workshops, symposia). Two city-level workshops on integrated management of pre-urban water resources and environmental infrastructure services at the community level; one regional workshop on partnerships in the water sector; an African regional workshop on energy and environment linkages in urban areas; and regional sustainable cities support and exchange programmes;

(iii) Field projects. Two projects on community-based environmental management information systems in Indonesia and Ghana; 3 technical assistance projects in 3 countries in support of national and local efforts for improving basic infrastructure services and environmental health; 15 sustainable cities programme demonstration projects, including city environmental profiles, strategic planning and implementation, environment planning and management system-wide capacity-building; 3 field projects in secondary towns in Kenya, Morocco and Viet Nam on "Localizing Agenda 21: Action planning for sustainable urban development"; 3 national projects on environment planning and management; and 10 field projects on disaster management in human settlements.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

13.41 The estimated amount of $1,453,200 relates to the staffing requirements of this subprogramme, which, following the reorganization of the programme of work, would consist of seven Professional (one P-5, three P-4, two P-3, one P-2/1) and three Local level posts. Two vacant Local level secretarial posts are proposed for abolition. The reduction of $26,400 is the result of the combined effect of the application of new standardized vacancy rates and the proposed abolition of the two Local level posts.

Consultants and experts

13.42 An amount of $70,600 would be required, as follows: (a) $47,600 to cover the fees of consultants who would provide expertise for the preparation of the following three reports: (i) report to the Commission on Sustainable Development on progress on the implementation of Agenda 21 (environmentally sound management of solid waste and sewage issues); (ii) a policy paper on environment and infrastructure for sustainable human settlements; and (iii) a report on successful experiences with post-conflict rehabilitation in human settlements; and (b) $23,000 for the convening of one expert group meeting on capacity-building for the use of environmentally sound technologies for settlement infrastructure, with particular emphasis on the needs of least developed countries.

Travel

13.43 The estimated requirements of $19,000 relate to official travel of staff for consultations, collection of information and attendance at meetings of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-secretariat Group for Water Resources and of partner networks on disaster management.

Subprogramme 4
Assessment, monitoring and information

Table 13.16 Summary by object of expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	2 431.8	(215.8)	(8.8)	2 216.0	289.8	2 505.8
Other staff costs	—	—	157.2	—	157.2	9.4	166.6
Consultants and experts	—	70.8	—	—	70.8	11.9	82.7
Travel	—	21.7	—	—	21.7	1.6	23.3
Contractual services	—	71.0	—	—	71.0	15.3	86.3
General operating expenses	—	—	40.0	—	40.0	8.8	48.8
Total (1)	**—[a]**	**2 595.3**	**(18.6)**	**(0.7)**	**2 576.7**	**336.8**	**2 913.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	1 756.5	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	2 370.4
—	1 510.2	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	350.1
		(c) Operational projects	
—	4 386.0	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	5 375.0
—	9 000.0	UNDP	9 000.0
—	2 250.0	Other sources	2 250.0
—	**18 902.7**	**Total (2)**	**19 345.5**
—[a]	**21 498.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**22 259.0**

[a] As the subprogramme structure has been reorganized, expenditures for 1994-1995 are indicated only in the summary tables at the section level.

Table 13.17 **Post requirements**

Programme: Assessment, monitoring and information

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	2	2	3	3
P-4/3	7	6	—	—	14	14	21	20
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	6	6	9	9
Total	**12**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**22**	**22**	**34**	**33**
Other categories								
Local level	7	4	—	—	21	21	28	25
Total	**7**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**21**	**21**	**28**	**25**
Grand total	**19**	**15**	**—**	**—**	**43**	**43**	**62**	**58**

13.44 The Habitat Agenda stresses the need for the continued monitoring, analysis and evaluation of the impact of policies, programmes and actions at the global, regional, national and local levels by national Governments, local authorities and all other partners to further the implementation of the Agenda and to achieve the goals of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements. The Agenda further emphasizes the critical importance of facilitating partnerships at all levels, as well as the global exchange of information on progress achieved. The basic orientation of the subprogramme is therefore to support the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the work of the Commission on Human Settlements and other relevant intergovernmental bodies through assistance to national and local monitoring of the implementation of the Agenda; assessment of human settlement conditions and trends and policies and practices; awareness-building and global information exchange; and support of the work of major partners inside and outside the United Nations system within the framework of the Centre's responsibilities as focal point for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, as well as task manager for the implementation of the human settlement components of Agenda 21.

13.45 The activities will be organized in three clusters, focusing specifically on indicators and best practices; public information and awareness-building; and global analysis and statistics. Activities include in particular assisting the Commission on Human Settlements with monitoring, coordination and policy guidelines so as to enable it to assess progress made by Governments and their partners in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; assisting in developing guidelines and indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Habitat Agenda by all interested parties; building global, national and local capacity for data collection and the generation of indicators; supporting all partners in the identification and evaluation of best practices in human settlement management and development and promoting their global dissemination using the latest information technology and tools; intensifying global information and awareness-building activities on critical issues of shelter and human settlements in order to accelerate and promote the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; publicizing and diffusing the experiences and achievements of partners in the implementation of the Agenda, including the establishment of an urban forum; supporting and developing regional media networks to promote the Habitat Agenda; disseminating information on expertise, tools and know-how in the fields of shelter and human settlements to all partners, including United Nations information centres and UNDP field offices; analysing global human settlement conditions and trends, in particular the social, economic and environmental impact of urbanization, in

order to maintain an integrated policy that would support the Centre in its policy advisory role in general; and evaluating the activities of the Centre in support of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda in order to enhance their efficiency, effectiveness and impact, and facilitating the learning and application of lessons learned from monitoring and implementation by all partners and strengthening local and national evaluation capacities.

Activities

13.46 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)*

(i) Parliamentary documentation. Commission on Human Settlements. Nine reports, as follows: (a) the work of the Centre; (b) progress made by Governments and partners in implementing national plans of action and the Habitat Agenda; (c) cooperation between the Centre and intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations and with non-governmental organizations, local authorities, the private sector and other partners; (d) matters arising out of resolutions of major legislative organs of the United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies; (e) the Centre's programme of work for 2000-2001; (f) implementation of the decisions of major United Nations conferences; (g) the proposed programme budget for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2000-2001; (h) implementation of the programme for women's participation in the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000; (i) national and international action to implement Agenda 21 in the area of human settlements and to build international cooperation for the implementation of Agenda 21 within the framework of the Habitat Agenda;

(ii) Ad hoc expert group meetings. Four expert meetings or technical advisory meetings on the pre-selection and classification of best practice submissions; jury panel on the selection of award-winning best practice submissions; application of best practices/indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; and review of the third issue of the *Global Report on Human Settlements*;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Recurrent publications. *Habitat Debate* (eight issues); *Partners Newsletter*, focused on implementation by partners of the Habitat Agenda, Agenda 21 and the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (eight issues); two annotated bibliographies on urbanization and socio-economic development; two indexes of the Centre's published materials; and an updated directory of non-governmental organizations and other partners in the field of human settlements;

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Indicators and best practices (global urban observatory); policy framework for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; global analysis of national enabling legislation and public policy formulation required for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; and human settlement conditions and trends: country profiles and statistical analysis;

(iii) Technical material. Technical guidelines on (a) application of policy-sensitive housing and urban indicators for all partners involved in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; (b) identifying, nominating and learning from best practices for all partners involved in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; (c) use of networks and information technology for building national, local and global capacity to generate information for monitoring progress in the implementation of national plans of action and the Habitat Agenda; a global directory of expertise available in the field of human settlements (in both hard-copy and electronic format); an updated comprehensive database of Habitat Agenda implementing partners, stakeholders, media and other target groups; a preliminary survey on gender involvement in leadership and management of local authorities, including enabling measures taken in selected countries; a database on local government reform: innovative regulatory reform and legislation (for an Internet website); technical guidelines for

evaluation of human settlement programmes and projects; an interactive database on human settlements statistics on the World Wide Web;

(iv) Exhibits. Two exhibitions on issues and activities of the work programme of the Centre and its partners, including on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

(v) Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits. Two posters for global observances of World Habitat Day; an information kit for delegates and partners for the seventeenth session of the Commission on Human Settlements; 12 pamphlets on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; and a brochure on the Centre;

(vi) Press releases, press conferences (media relations). A series of 20 press releases on events and activities related to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; 6 feature articles for the print media on events and activities related to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; 2 media information kits for the print and electronic media for global observances of World Habitat Day; and a media information kit for the print and electronic media on the seventeenth session of the Commission on Human Settlements;

(vii) Electronic, audio and video issuances. A series of video packages (a minimum of five) for global observances of World Habitat Day; the seventeenth session of the Commission on Human Settlements; the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, to be produced in collaboration with public or private broadcasting networks; a series of radio broadcasts on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda produced in collaboration with public or private radio networks; updated release of the interactive best practices database in electronic format; release of a set of housing and urban indicators in electronic format; establishment of an Internet conference on the urban forum on issues of urban development; beta-release of the urban forum database in electronic format on ongoing international support programmes; beta-release of a database on training and capacity-building tools and resources in electronic format; development of a World Wide Web homepage on issues and activities related to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; and a beta-release of the human settlement evaluation database;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)*. Participation in activities of organizations outside the United Nations system; in four partner meetings for best practices and indicators; participation in meetings of the Joint United Nations Information Committee; support to non-governmental organizations to establish a non-governmental organization monitoring system on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; participation in and substantive support to a meeting of Habitat partners on planning of joint activities and programmes in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; substantive support to the organization of an investment forum on public/private partnership in human settlement development and management; inter-agency consultations, information exchange and joint programming on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda in support of the inter-agency urban forum; four meetings of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development on the implementation of chapter 7 of Agenda 21, for which the Centre is the task manager; and two meetings of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Evaluation;

(d) *Technical cooperation (XB)*. (i) Advisory services. Twenty advisory missions on indicators and best practices at the request of Governments and their partners; and (ii) seminars. Four regional seminars on indicators and best practices; and four media seminars on the development of media networks in developing regions (20 participants each).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

13.47 The estimated amount of $2,216,000 relates to the staffing requirements of this subprogramme, which, following the reorganization of the work programme, would consist of 11 Professional (one D-1, one P-5, 4 P-4, 2 P-3, 3 P-2/1) and 4 Local level posts. One P-3 and three Local level vacant posts are proposed

for abolition. The reduction of $215,800 is the result of the combined effect of the application of new standardized vacancy rates and the proposed abolition of one P-3 and three Local level posts.

Other staff costs

13.48 A provision in the amount of $157,200 is required for general temporary assistance in order to cover the cost of selected national experts who would assist in gathering data on national policies and programmes for assessment and monitoring of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and plan of action at the local, national and regional levels.

Consultants and experts

13.49 The estimated amount of $70,800 would be required as follows: (a) $46,900 for consultancy services for the preparation of nine publications, reports and studies relating to the analysis and dissemination of data and other information relating to key aspects of the Habitat Agenda; and (b) $23,900 for the convening of one expert group meeting to review the preparation of the third issue of the *Global Report on Human Settlements*.

Travel

13.50 The estimated amount of $21,700 relates to participation of staff in partners meetings for best practices and indicators and attendance at the Joint United Nations Information Committee.

Contractual services

13.51 An estimated amount of $71,000 would be required to cover the publication cost of reports to the Commission on Sustainable Development ($6,500), eight issues of the *Habitat Debate* ($31,500), eight issues of the *Partners Newsletters* ($17,000) and two reports on the work of the Centre and on progress made by Governments and partners in implementing the Habitat Agenda ($16,000).

General operating expenses

13.52 The estimated amount of $40,000 relates to the cost of communications.